

## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

November 2011 – Week 4

Air Date: November 20 – November 26 (Sunday – Saturday)



### TITLE: TEXAS FRIENDLY FIRE

NOVEMBER 1899 AND BLACK TROOPS TAKE ON A TEXAS TOWN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NOVEMBER 20, 1899. FORT RINGGOLD, RIO GRANDE CITY. FRESH FROM THE WAR IN CUBA, THE ALL-BLACK NINTH CAVALRY ARRIVES TO PROTECT THE TOWN – BUT IS NOT WELCOME.

WHEN SOLDIERS AND LOCALS CLASH AT A GAMBLING DEN, TENSIONS RISE.

FEARING AN ATTACK ON THE FORT, OFFICER E.H. RUBOTTOM AND HIS MEN OPEN FIRE ON THE TOWN WITH A GATLIN' GUN – SHOOTIN' 1500 ROUNDS INTO THE CITY AND WOUNDING A CIVILIAN.

THE GOVERNOR INTERVENES AND ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION. THE SOLDIERS ARE CLEARD, BUT THE UNIT IS RE-ASSIGNED.

BLACK TROOPS TARGETED TEXANS 112 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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